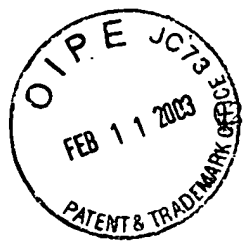


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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YUTAKA TAKANO, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1652
Application No.: 09/496,041	)	
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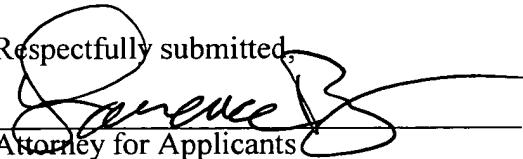
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 16) for three (3) months, up to and including February 13, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$930.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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